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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed concurrently with the application of the above identified national entry originally filed August 4, 2006 into the United States of the International PCT application originally filed February 1, 2005 claiming priority to the German application originally filed February 6, 2004. Please preliminarily amend the national stage patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 12 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 17 of this paper.

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